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Attention: Susan Linner


Ref: Genwal Coal Company's Crandall Canyon Mine

Dear Dianne:

The Division has evaluated Genwal Coal Company's responses (12-27-88 and 1-23-89) to a review for the 5-year Mine and Reclamation Plan (MRP) renewal at their Crandall Canyon Mine. They have adequately responded to our concerns.

Thank you for an opportunity to review and provide comment.

Sincerely,


Timothy Provan
Acting Director



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Re: Genwal Coal Company, Crandall Canyon Mine ACT/015/032 Mine plan update

Dear Ms. Nielson:

We have examined the information provided by your correspondence of January 3 and January 31, 1989. Based upon the plan described, we believe that it provides adequate protection for the eagle nest located on the mine plan area.

One point of information -- Fish and Wildlife Service biologists observed nesting Williamson Sapsuckers in the Crandall Canyon area riparian habitat prior to the development of the mine.

Also, the plan indicates that if the eagle nest subsequently comes under threat from subsidence that a mitigation plan would be developed by the Divisions of Wildlife Resources and Oil, Gas and Mining. Keep in mind that no action can be approved that would result in loss of the nest without the issuance of an appropriate permit by the Fish and Wildlife Service. In addition, if the nest becomes "active" (occupied by adults, presence of eggs, or presence of young) no activities should be approved that might result in a "taking action" during that period of time.

We thank you for the opportunity of participating in your permitting actions for this mine and if we can be of further assistance contact Clark D. Johnson at 524-5649.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Ruesink
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State Supervisor

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING
RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT
Notice of a Decision and Availability
of an Environmental Assessment For
Crandall Canyon Mine
Genwal Coal Company, Inc.
Emery, Utah

The United States Department of the Interior, in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, has approved Genwal Coal Company, Inc.'s mining plan for underground coal mining activities at the Crandall Canyon mine in Federal lease U-54762. The documentation for the decision was prepared by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE). This mining plan action was in accordance with 30 CFR Part 746.

The Crandall Canyon underground coal mine is located in Emery County, Utah, 15 miles west of Huntington. The mine has been in operation since 1983. This mining plan action authorized mining of approximately 1.5 million additional tons of Federal coal in approximately 256 acres of Federal lease U-54762.

Pursuant to 40 CFR Sections 1501.4(e) and 1506.6, notice is hereby given that OSMRE has found that no significant environmental impacts would result from such approval based on an Environmental Assessment prepared by OSMRE, and Utah Department of Oil, Gas, & Mining's State Decision Document & Technical Analysis. OSMRE's Environmental Assessment concluded that no significant impacts to the quality of the human environment would result from such approval; therefore, an environmental impact statement was not prepared.

For information or clarification concerning the approval of the Crandall Canyon mine mining plan, please contact Marcia Sneed or Rick Holbrook at (303) 844-2400, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1020 15th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.

The decision document, including the Environmental Assessment, is available for public review at the following locations:

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Western Field Operations
1020 15th Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Albuquerque Field Office
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